

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, *ex rel.*  
State Engineer

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROMAN ARAGON, *et al.*,

Defendants.

69cv07941-BB

RIO CHAMA STREAM SYSTEM

Section 5, Rio Gallina

**NOTICE AND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

To: United State of America  
David W. Gehlert, Esq.  
United States Department of Justice  
Environment and Natural Resources Section  
1961 Stout Street, Floor 8  
Denver, CO 80294

**Priority Dates:**

You are hereby notified that the Court has entered an order requiring you to file an objection with the Court if you disagree with the State's proposed determination of the priority dates for any of the community or private ditches in Section 5 (Rio Gallina), including the priority date of any individual irrigation water rights under those ditches, as described below:

Vigiles Ditch 1876

Rincon Ditch 1876

Placitas Ditch 1876

Sanchez–Maestas Ditch	1876
Cordova–Martinez Ditch	1878
Gonzales–Gurule Ditch	1878
Cecilia Ditch	1878
Valdez Ditch	1878
Emilio Jacquez Ditch	1902

The priority dates described will apply to all individual irrigation water rights served by the ditches listed, unless individual water rights holders file objections.

**Irrigation Water Requirements:**

In addition, you are hereby notified that the Court has entered an order requiring you to file an objection with the Court if you disagree with the State’s proposed determination of the irrigation water requirements for surface water irrigation use in Section 5 (Rio Gallina) as described below:

- a. The weighted consumptive irrigation requirement (CIR) is 1.38 acre-feet per acre per annum.
- b. The farm delivery requirement (FDR) is 3.46 acre-feet per acre per annum.
- c. The project diversion requirement (PDR) is 5.77 acre-feet per acre per annum.

The term “Consumptive Irrigation Requirement” (“CIR”) refers to the quantity of water, expressed in acre-feet per acre per year, exclusive of effective precipitation, that is consumptively used by plants or is evaporated from the soil surface during one calendar year. The term “Farm Delivery Requirement” (“FDR”) refers to the quantity of water expressed in acre-feet per acre per year, exclusive of effective precipitation, delivered to the farm headgate or which is diverted from a source of water which originates on the farm itself, such as a well or spring, necessary to satisfy the

consumptive irrigation requirements of crops grown on a farm in one calendar year. The “Project Diversion Requirement” (“PDR”) or off-farm diversion requirement is defined as the quantity of water, exclusive of effective precipitation, which is diverted from the stream or an off-farm source to satisfy the farm delivery requirement for one calendar year. The irrigation water requirements set forth above do not include diversion requirements associated with stockponds or other impoundments determined to have valid water rights in these proceedings.

If you agree with the priority dates and irrigation water requirements described above, you do not need to take any action, and the Court will enter an order that recognizes the elements of the water rights for surface water irrigation use in Section 5 as described above. If you disagree, you must follow the instructions below.

In the absence of any objections, you will have no other opportunity in these proceedings to object to the determination of priority dates or irrigation water requirements in Section 5, and subsequent *inter se* proceedings in Section 5 will not include the opportunity to object to those determinations.

Notwithstanding the above, the United States shall have no obligation to raise an objection to the determination of priority dates and irrigation water requirements described above in its capacity as trustee for the benefit of Ohkay Owingeh (Pueblo of San Juan) or any other Indian nation. Any such objection may be raised during stream system wide *inter se* proceedings or other applicable *inter se* proceedings as may be ordered by the Court.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT if you object to any of the priority dates stated above, or to the irrigation water requirements for surface water irrigation use in Section 5 as stated above, you must file a written objection with the Court. You must file your objection, if any, with the

Federal District Court by December 31, 2007. If you timely file an objection the Special Master will notify you of how to present your objections in Court.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce D. Black", written over a horizontal line.

BRUCE D. BLACK  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Approved:

/electronic signature/

VICKIE L. GABIN  
SPECIAL MASTER